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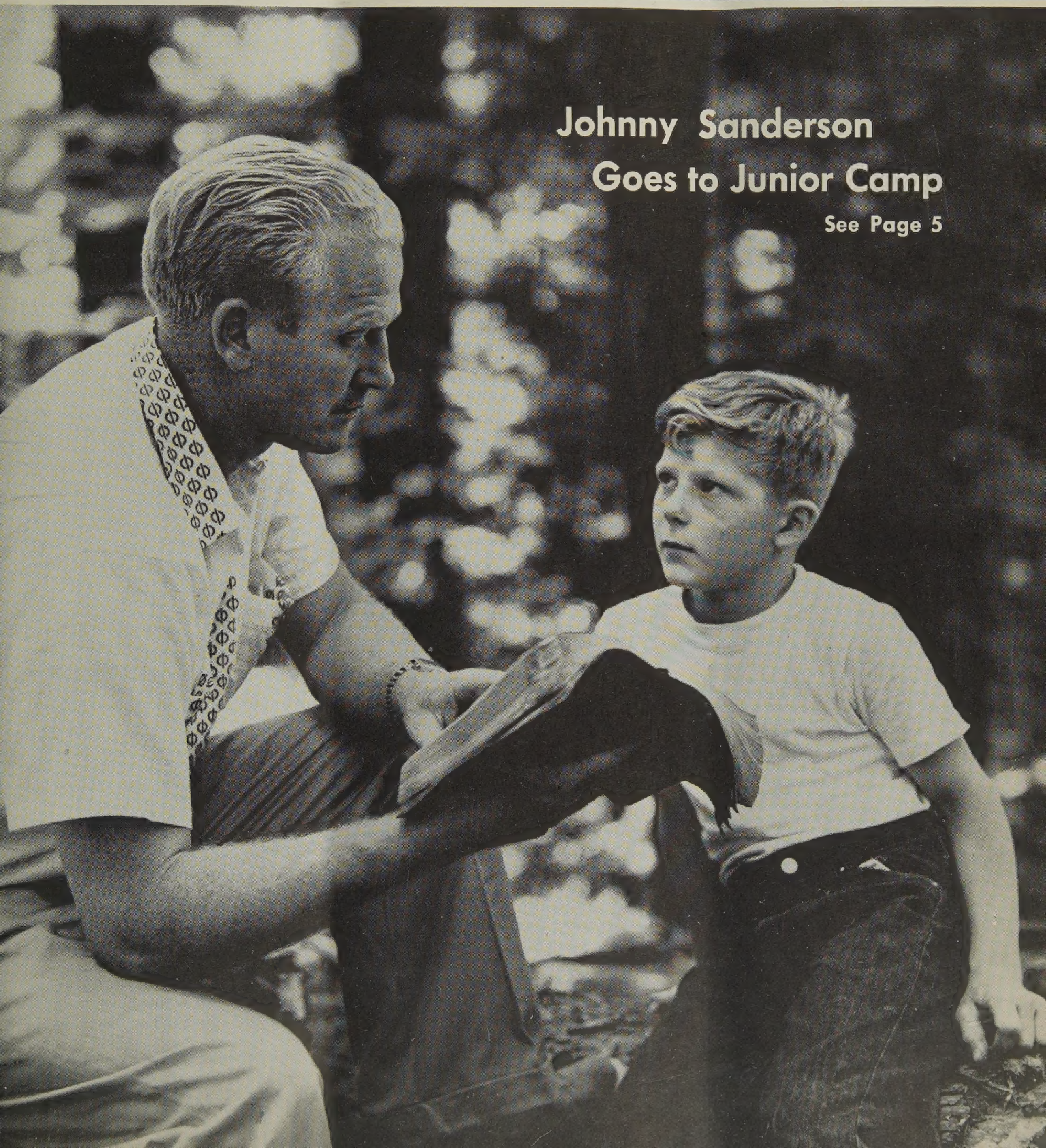
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## What Follows The Spiritual Honeymoon?

A teen-age new convert was describing his new found spiritual experiences to a mature saint of God. He told of the joys of spiritual exploration, of the divine providences and blessings upon him, and of his spiritual hopes and aspirations. The comment of the mature saint was: "My, I wish I'd just been saved and was starting my Christian life over again!" The teen-ager was somewhat puzzled by the statement, but almost anyone who has been a Christian for a few years will understand it exactly.

It is a fact that the spiritual honeymoon ends. Sooner or later for all of us there is a time when the Christian experience ceases to be mere novelty and becomes somewhat routine and "everyday." Once people are soundly saved, baptised in the Spirit, and have appropriated the truths of divine healing and the Second Coming and other prominent Biblical doctrines, there is a tendency to consider that the challenge of the Christian experience has been wholly met. Preachers may preach with all earnestness and vigor but they impress little, for with the spiritual honeymoon over, the Christian life resolves itself to a more or less uneventful walk with God.



*It is a grimly sad fact that this scene represents many a supposed mature Christian. The newspaper is being eagerly devoured, but the Bible lies pathetically neglected on a nearby table. Is this a mature response to "God's love letter?"*

Mature saints often tend to chafe beneath the routine of day-by-day spiritual life. Some find relief by the pursuit of a heresy or cult that seems to offer a new thrill or a short cut to spiritual perfection. Almost anything seems better than day-by-day routine. People who really ought to know better plunge into new movements oblivious to the fact that they are neither sanctioned by the Word of God nor confirmed by common sense. They're simply seeking by artificial means to prolong the honeymoon.

Other mature saints observe the post-honeymoon years of their Christian life by maintaining a sort of uneasy truce with God. They behave as the partners of a marriage mismatch which is prolonged because it ought to be but to the accompaniment of severe friction and strain. They prefer to retain only a nominal Christianity that they relegate to an insignificant realm of their lives. By their own testimony these people are Christians, and yet the fervent spiritual interest and devout dedication of self are matters of a distant past. Such people are far more concerned with houses and lands, with clothing and hobbies and amusements, than with the Person of Jesus Christ and the Word of God. They've recovered from the honeymoon and chosen to drift as far as they dare without dissolving the union.

It is likely that marriage partners really do not find themselves in their marriage relationship until long after their honeymoon. And it is just as likely that Christian converts do not find all their Christianity in the early days of their Christian experience. The adjustment to a mature Christian experience is of vital importance. It isn't enough that people have at some time had a spiritual honeymoon and that they can point to past experiences and attainments with God. The kind of saints who build the Church of Jesus Christ and bear the burden and heat of the day are those who have emerged from the spiritual honeymoon with something more than memories. These are they who have cultivated an abiding devotion and wholehearted dedication; they love sincerely, they serve eagerly, and they fellowship earnestly. Maturity is meant to be a time of constructive activity and fruitful productivity. May it be that those who constitute the bride of Christ in this day achieve this graceful, useful maturity.

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## Has Someone Seen Christ?

Has someone seen Christ in you today?

Christian, look to your heart, I pray,

The little things you have done or said—

Did they accord with the way you prayed?

Have your thoughts been pure and your words been kind?

Have you sought to have the Saviour's mind?

The world with a criticizing view

Has watched—but did it see Christ in you?

Has someone seen Christ in you today?

Christian, look to your life, I pray,

There are aching and blighted souls

Being lost on sin's destructive shoals,

And perhaps of Christ their only view

May be what of Him they see in you.

Will they see enough to bring hope or cheer?

Look to your light! Does it shine out clear?

—The Wonderful Word.



# Our Lord in Gethsemane

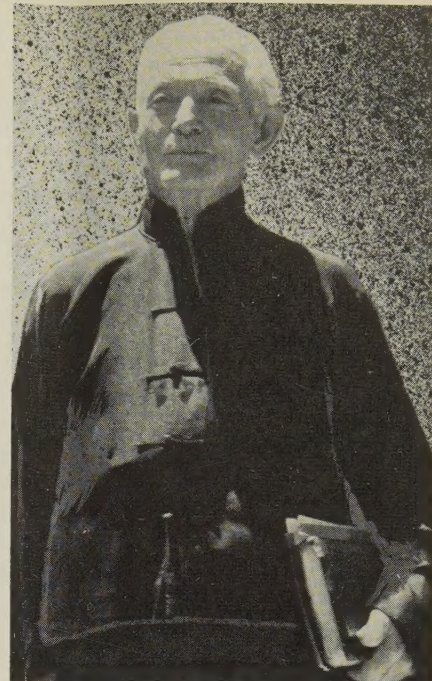
It is often taught that Jesus temporarily lost courage when He was in the garden. It is said that the approaching arrest, trial, crucifixion, and anticipation of being forsaken of God weighed so heavily upon Him that for a time He sought to draw back. Even Dr. Schofield, in a footnote to the "cup" in Matt. 26:39 says: "The cup must be interpreted by our Lord's own use of that symbol in speaking of His approaching sacrificial death." It is my opinion that Dr. Schofield and all those who teach that Christ's courage wavered are wrong.

When Jesus entered the garden, He said to His disciples: "Sit here while I go pray yonder," then He took Peter, James, and John and "began to be sorrowful and very heavy." Rotherham renders this last phrase, "in great distress." Jesus said to His disciples: "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death" and then He asked that they should watch with Him. Rotherham renders these words: "Encompassed with grief is My soul unto death." It is apparent that Jesus did not say "I am sorrowful," but "MY SOUL (is sorrowful)." Now the soul is simply a part of man — that part which feels either sorrow or joy. His SPIRIT, that part of man that decides actions, never wavered. In His spirit, Jesus remained determined to go on to the cross and to become a curse for us in order that He might redeem us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13).

Jesus, the Word who was God from the beginning, was foreordained before the foundation of the world to shed His blood for our redemption (1 Pet. 1:18-20). He became flesh and was named "Jesus" for this very purpose (Matt. 1:21). No, He did not in horror recoil from the cross; rather, He feared that the great sorrow of His soul might cause His premature death and thus prevent His being made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:21). It was this death from which He prayed three times with strong crying and tears to be saved, AND WAS HEARD IN THAT HE FEARED (Heb. 5:7). His Father heard His agonized cry, and assured Him by His indwelling Spirit that He would be able by the eternal Spirit to offer Himself without spot to God (Heb. 9:14). That cup passed, and the next day He drank the CUP His Father gave (John 18:11).

The Gethsemane experience proves conclusively that when the Word became flesh He became truly a man in ALL THINGS like unto His brethren (Heb. 2:14-18). He understands when our souls are exceedingly sorrowful, and can succor us, for He suffered excruciating agony in the days when He partook of flesh and blood like unto all other children of God. Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

*W. W. Simpson (right) is a veteran of 62 years experience as a gospel worker. For 40 years he ministered in China and the Far East. He has taught in seven Bible institutes in China and America. This picture was taken during his visit to Bethany Park Camp on Missionary Sunday this year. Brother Simpson now resides in Riverbank, California.*



## Another Gospel Veteran Advises

### "TOUCH NOT MINE ANOINTED"

By Frank Isensee, Sr.

"... touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." (1 Chron. 16:22).

It is an unfortunate fact that in our churches today, we frequently find attitudes of dissension and criticism that act to draw God's people away from their rightful position in Jesus Christ. In some instances, this murmuring is against the pastor, and it may reach a climax so that either the pastor or the murmurers must leave the church. If we have been inclined to take lightly the practice of murmuring, we ought to recognize that, according to God's Word, there is serious danger involved, and murmuring is to be shunned.

In the book of Numbers, we read of the people's murmuring against Moses, and how they were, as Corinthians expressed it, "destroyed by the destroyer." (1 Cor. 10:10) The New Testament suggests that those who are "destroyed by the destroyer" will not only die physically, but will suffer eternal damnation. Paul writes to Timothy, "Alexander the copper-smith did me much evil, the Lord reward him according to his work." (2 Tim. 4:14) God's servant is to be judged by no one but the Lord Himself, and it is a dangerous thing to do evil and touch God's anointed.

This writer has personally known

of some in the past who have laid hands upon God's anointed servants and have suffered not only spiritually but also a great loss in the natural. And the end is not yet for some of these offenders. The throne of God must be faced on the day of judgment.

David had the right attitude in this matter, and we find it beautifully unfolded in the story of his episodes with Saul. In the course of their warfare, David twice had the opportunity to slay Saul, but even though Saul had sinned and was rejected of the Lord, David did not dare to touch him. He said, "For who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?" (1 Sam. 26:9).

If a Christian somehow finds himself not in accord with the person or policies of a Christian leader, it is certainly not his place to murmur and criticize. He must pray and himself be exemplary, and if the occasion presents itself, do all in his power to help the one with whom he differs. If all of this fails, it is the Christian's responsibility to withdraw quietly from the church and be careful not to involve others.

The promise in 1 John 5:10 is that "He that believeth on the Son of God

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# The Christian Life and Popular Amusements

by  
Raymond  
Murray

The problem of amusements and worldly pleasure and their relation to the Christian life and conduct is persistent and urgent. However, our consideration at this time is not with the form of amusements, but with the subject in general. In both Christian and secular circles a number of attitudes towards pleasure and amusement prevail. A survey of these attitudes is of considerable interest. *First:* the attitude of total abstinence. Those of this school hold that virtue consists of self-denial, disregard of riches, and the avoidance of pleasure of every kind.

*Second:* the attitude of candid inquiry. Such an attitude remains uninformed concerning particular issues and, in the case of Christians, is continually inquiring, "What is the will of God concerning these things?"

*Third:* the follow-the-leader attitude. Such people say, "Everybody else is doing it" or "These things are not as bad as some other things that people do."

*Fourth:* the Epicurean or "hog-trough" attitude. These folks say, "Eat, drink, be merry, for tomorrow we die." They never consider the ethical bearing of their actions.

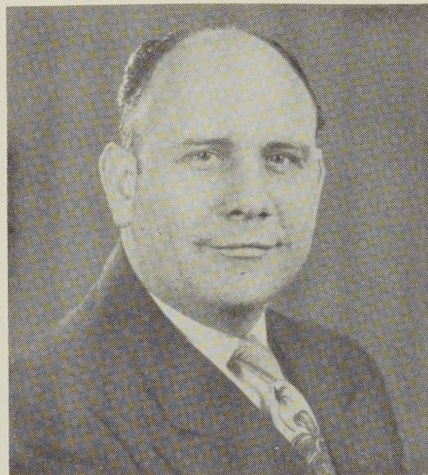
*Fifth:* the attitude of self-justification. Those who adopt this attitude reason that their physical and social beings demand *pleasure*, just as their religious nature may occasionally require a worship service. They insist that they are capable of deciding when pleasure becomes sinful.

*Sixth:* the attitude of reckless abandonment. These people propose to enjoy all pleasures regardless of the consequences — moral or physical.

When the Bible speaks with authority and finality, it is our duty to obey. But honest students of the Word must agree that, in some instances, the Scriptures are silent concerning popular amusements. Amusements of Bible times were not the same as in our modern day, therefore, only principles and not particular instances, are given to guide the believer in his conduct.

From Scripture some broad observations may be made: (1) There is a sphere and place for pleasure in human life (Eccl. 3:1-8), (2) There

is room for honest differences in opinion (Rom. 14:1-8, 12, 13), (3) Some amusements, when properly limited, are unobjectionable and even beneficial (1 Cor. 10:23-33; 7:29-31).



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It is obvious that a Christian is called upon to exercise *discrimination* in his choice of pleasures. He must discriminate between games of chance and games of skill; amusements that are healthy and those that endanger health. He must discriminate between recreation and dissipation; amusements that excite and cater to the flesh, and those that benefit one's spiritual and intellectual being. Scripture indicates that there are two types of pleasure: the sensual, which expresses itself in the gratification of the flesh, and the spiritual which expresses itself in all the finer motives and conduct (Psa. 16:11; 36:8).

God is not opposed to a Christian's enjoying himself and having pleasure. But God is concerned when the believer seeks the wrong kind of pleasure. There are those pleasures that God approves, and there are those that He must brand as "questionable." It is a fact that God delights in the proper pleasure of His people (Eph. 1:4-9; Phil. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:11). And since God delights in His people, His people should find their supreme pleasure in Him. His pleasure should be our pleasure.

The development of Christian virtues and moral character ought to be the earnest desire of all born-again Christians. We therefore find ourselves concerned with the emotional impulses which constitute important motives or drives for much of our conduct. Should we give free reign to our emotions or should we suppress them? Or should we release them to the will of God? Should we attempt to employ our energies or impulses for a constructive and spiritual use or should we seek to beat them down or destroy them?

In the book *Ride the Wild Horses*, J. Wallace Hamilton compares these instincts to wild horses that must be tamed. He suggests three possible answers to the question "What shall we do with the wild horses of human instinct?" **SELF-ASSERTION:** Let the wild horses run! Give free reign to your natural instincts. The only wrong, by the standards of this philosophy, is to inhibit or suppress a natural desire. "Kill the riders and let the horses run!" **SELF-NEGATION:** The horses are wild, so we must tame them, take the fire and fight out of them and make them be still. "Eliminate the horses!" **SELF-FULFILLMENT:** Jesus said, "I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." He chose neither assertion nor suppression, but fulfillment. Man's basic need may be met without killing either horse or rider, but simply encouraging each to manifest its highest and best powers.

Moral life involves a struggle. There are obstacles to be overcome and battles to be won. Advancement comes only by conflict: "Struggle is the law of growth." Creative force is gained by the control of passion, not by surrender to its tyranny. Call it self-control, temperance, or discipline, this rational control of our emotions results in virtue. Christians must learn wisely to use pleasure and pain. Too much pursuit of pleasure results in pain: sore muscles result from over-exercising, indigestion from over-eating. Solomon wrote: "Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith and vomit it."

There are several principles which must determine legitimate pleasure. What portion of our time is occupied

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# Johnny Sanderson Goes to Camp

Junior Camp is an exciting, spiritually rewarding time for all the fortunate boys and girls who attend. Amongst the group this season was an eleven-year-old boy from Penryn, California, named Johnny Sanderson. Many of his camp-meeting activities are herewith pictured.

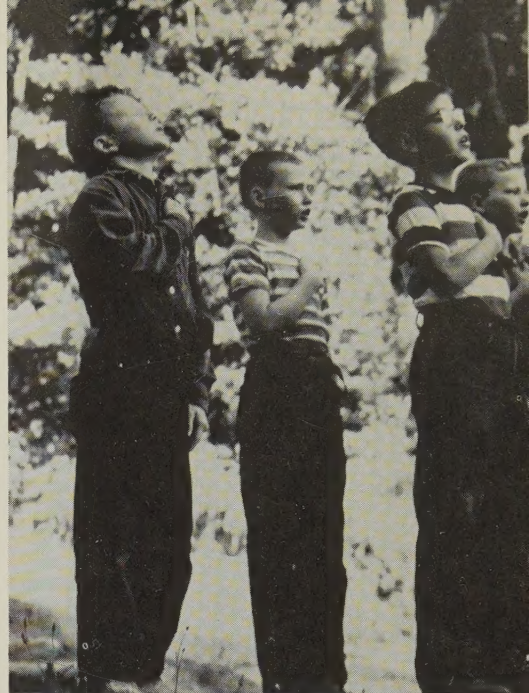
Johnny's home church and Sunday school is at Auburn, where Brother Carl Sturgeon is the Pastor. As a prize for bringing new members to Sunday school, Johnny's stay at Camp was partially sponsored by his local church. It was his first time to attend Camp.

In the cover picture, Johnny and his counsellor, Gunnar Sondeno, are participating in the daily morning hideaway. The two are seated on a log out among the Redwoods, and Brother Sondeno is offering helpful, personal, spiritual instruction. Brother Sondeno is a turkey farmer from Hollister, who volunteered a part of his summer vacation time to be a Junior Camp counsellor.

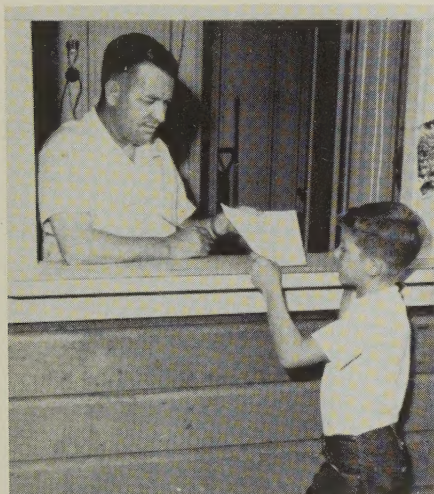
As a photographer's subject, Johnny was most co-operative. He offered no complaint to the frequent interruptions of his activities that the picture taking required. After the photographs in the Flower Craft room, Johnny proudly produced a shoebox and showed off a pretty collection of flowers. We knew he was "all boy" when he picked out a primrose and commented, "I made a better one of these than this, but there was a girl that I knew so I gave it to her."

During the time that Johnny was at Camp there were 32 boys and girls

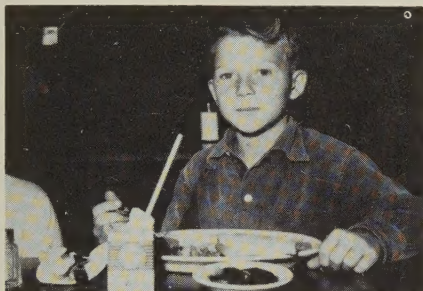
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At the sunrise flag raising Johnny (at left) reverently salutes the American flag.



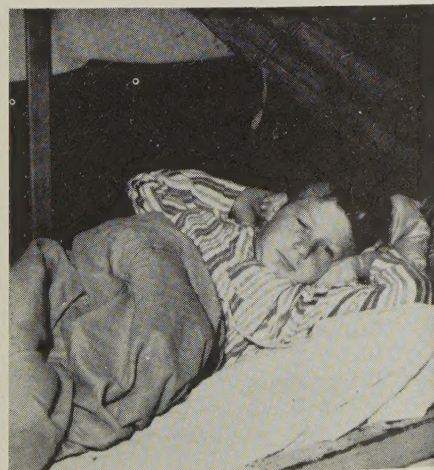
From Camp Director, L. W. Suter, at the Camp Office, Johnny receives a set of Camp rules.



The cafeteria meals were adequately wholesome and varied.



Johnny watches handicraft instructor, Dorothy Van Gorkam, demonstrating the making of a flower.



The 7:00 a. m. bugle call has sounded and Johnny attempts to stretch and yawn himself to wakefulness.



Johnny's movements (Johnny faces camera) at tether ball were so fast his hands and feet photographed as a blur.



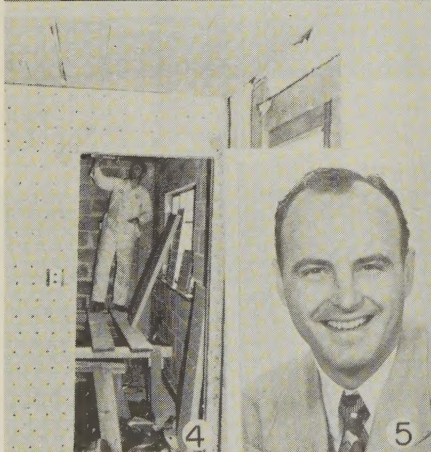
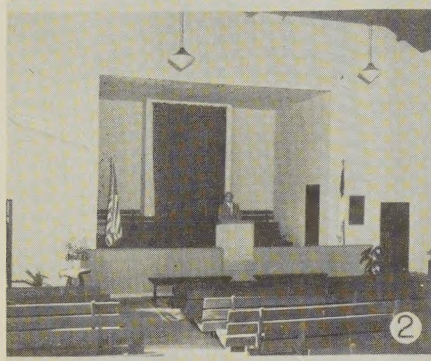
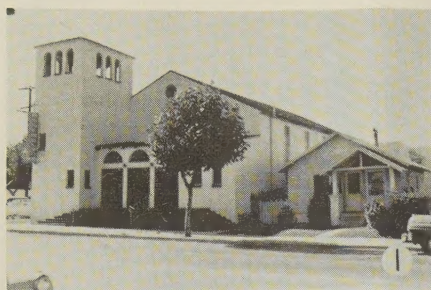
Aware of the camera, Johnny strikes a pose of rapt attention during the evening service.



Johnny inspects the visual aid board while Camp Speaker, Charles Senechal, indicates the ultimate purpose of the Christian walk.



# MISSIONS: Home and Foreign



**THE CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP** San Bruno project. (1) The church and parsonage (2) The interior with Pastor Cole in the pulpit (3) and (4) Pastor Cole energetically working at the task of finishing the interior (5) Pastor Edwin L. Cole, who merits our prayer support in this worthy Home Missions and Church Extension Fellowship project.

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### AN OPEN LETTER CONCERNING OUR CHURCH EXTENSION FELLOWSHIP

Dear Friend of the C. E. F.:

For the past several weeks I have been asked repeatedly, "What has happened to our Church Extension Fellowship?" Contrary to any rumor that may be about, this newest District venture has not "died a natural death" nor is it remotely in danger of expiring! In fact, after a period of hibernation due to my recent serious illness, Church Extension Fellowship is now "up and around" and showing signs of vigorous renewal of strength and vitality!

Two unfortunate and unforeseen emergencies caused a temporary setback in our promising program of development and expansion. The first as I have already mentioned, was my sudden physical disablement right at the precise moment when leadership in the project was necessary. My already overburdened co-workers could spare neither time nor strength to assume this added responsibility. The second was an unfortunate reversal of circumstances (which now seems almost Providential) that made our original piece of property suddenly unavailable to us. With these two developments happening almost simultaneously, the District Brethren felt it best to let the entire program rest a bit, at least until I was physically able once more to assume its responsibility.

Meanwhile, the Home Missions Department of the District was faced with a constantly growing problem and challenging responsibility: the church at San Bruno. Heroic efforts have been made against tremendous odds to establish a work in one of the most promising communities in the entire District. This hustling, growing city lies just south of San Francisco in one of the fastest developing areas on the West Coast. A foothold had already been established by the erection of a lovely, spacious building on one of the finest corners in the town. While attractive on the outside, the rough, unfinished interior of the building proved to be a spectre of discouragement to both pastor and people. The one obstacle that neither the small congregation nor the valiant men who served as pastors could surmount was lack of sufficient finances. A monthly grant from the Home Missions Fund was not nearly enough to keep this little corporation solvent. There were no funds available and no other plan whereby the District could help in such a contingency.

In May of this year it became apparent that immediate action was called for or we stood in danger of losing our foothold in San Bruno. We stood to lose not only the property, valued at \$35,000, but also the accumulated effort of those who had given so much to see the San Bruno project succeed. Brother and Sister Ivan Chapman, who at great personal sacrifice, had labored for nearly two years to keep the little congregation afloat as well as make such improvements as limited finances would permit, felt led to resign. The vicious circle of the unfinished building, plus the high cost of financing the project, had only served to discourage the people. When some of the staunchest supporters moved out of the community it looked as though the end was inevitable.

When the Home Missions and Church Extension Committee met  
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*The lovely interior of the San Bruno building is indeed pleasing to the eye. This structure is valued at \$35,000 in spite of the fact that the interior is unfinished. It was first dedicated for worship in December, 1949, and was built under the ministry of Lyle W. Corsaw. The auditorium can seat 300. The building is three stories high in the rear section and it includes space for Sunday school classrooms and an evangelist's apartment.*

at San Bruno to discuss the situation, the problems seemed overwhelming. It was evident that we could no longer continue as we had been doing. However, the challenge of the community's need and the obvious opportunity stirred every man present. Could we dare to lose this property? Or was this such a purpose for which Church Extension had been devised? Every man became possessed with mounting excitement as we talked of the possibilities. It was unanimously decided that San Bruno should now become our first Church Extension effort! For a minimum of finance, compared to any other project we had discussed, and provided we could get the wholehearted support of the District, we could lift this church and put it on its feet. This plan was recommended to the District Presbytery, and unanimously carried, with the same enthusiasm and faith in the ultimate success of the project.

Meanwhile, God had also sent us a man. Brother Edwin L. Cole, formerly pastor at Sonora, had resigned his church, feeling that the Lord had something else for him to do. An ideal combination of skilled workman and able minister, Brother Cole agreed to accept the challenge and the responsibility of San Bruno. He recognized that it meant working hard to finish the building and also to establish and minister to a congregation. But already there is evi-

dence of God's blessing. From a congregation of one person on his first Sunday, at the time of this writing Brother Cole has seen an increase to as high as thirty-five.

From the contributions of those who supported our Church Extension Program at the beginning we fortunately had enough money on hand to begin work on the San Bruno building immediately. That work is in vigorous progress right now. However, if we are to finish this important task, it is imperative that we have an immediate response from every pastor and member of each congregation WHO HAS NOT YET joined our Church Extension Fellowship. Church Extension Fellowship asks only TWO DOLLARS from each member of our constituency. It is not two dollars per week, nor per month, but just TWO DOLLARS, period! We will not ask for more until we are ready to begin project number two.

Just think: for a personal investment of merely two dollars you can establish an Assembly of God church in one of Northern California's most needy and most promising communities! If Jesus tarries, this will be one of our stronger churches, and it will repay untold dividends to the work of the Lord. Your pastor will soon ask you to share in this exciting undertaking. Please join with us in putting San Bruno "over the top."

Sincerely in His great fellowship,  
Kenneth M. Haystead.

#### FIFTEEN HIGHEST ASSEMBLIES IN TOTAL MISSIONARY GIVING, JANUARY TO JUNE, 1954:

1. Turlock, Bethel Temple	\$10,796.02
2. Sacramento, Bethel Temple	5,562.49
3. Modesto, Bethel Church	3,351.73
4. San Francisco, Glad Tidings	2,825.91
5. Oakland, First Church	2,620.91
6. Morgan Hill Full Gospel	2,285.99
7. Redwood City	2,141.42
8. Hayward, Bethel Full Gospel	1,786.16
9. San Jose, Calvary Temple	1,684.13
10. Stockton, Calvary Tabernacle	1,449.72
11. Berkeley	1,204.24
12. Sunnyvale, First Assembly	1,153.78
13. Oakland, Bethany Chapel	1,152.15
14. Santa Cruz, First Assembly	1,127.15
15. Los Gatos	1,055.78

The HEETEBRYS of the Fiji Islands report:

♦Sister Heetebry has suffered a heart attack, but at last report she was convalescing satisfactorily and expected to be completely well before long.

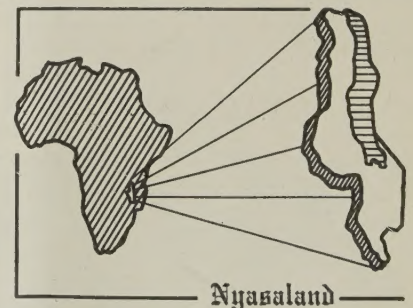
♦The Heetebrys are in a building program, though with Sister Heetebry's sickness, progress has been slow.

From the Gold Coast of Africa the FLOYD THOMAS' write:

♦Of a wonderful reception from the natives as they returned to their field.

♦Of the usefulness of the Ranch Wagon that our District C. A.'s provided for their Bible school.

The new address of the Maurice Luces is: 4930 - 44 St., Sacramento 20, California. The phone is HUnter 6 9298. The Luces expect to return to Samoa this fall.



From Paul and Miriam Wright comes this informative little sketch map to help us to locate their mission field. The Wrights have been on the field for three years and in that time have seen considerable progress. They are, at present, in a building program, erecting their second church in their area. Thru the students of the Bible School, they are attempting to promote the idea of indigenous Gospel work. They find that the development of native leadership is one of the most challenging problems of their work.



# CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

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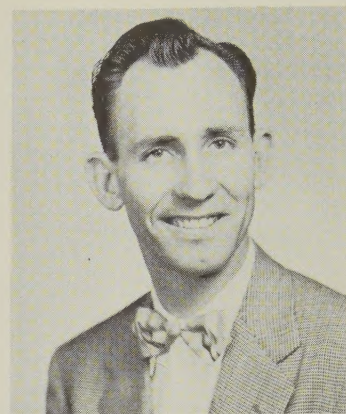
The leadership of the very successful C. A. Camp at Bethany Park was the last official duty of C. A. President, Ray Lockwood. Inasmuch as he had accepted the pastorate at Chico, he was no longer able to minister in his C. A. office. Hence, at the close of the Camp, the Vice-President, Walt Boring, officially took the office of the presidency.

Brother Adrian Benning wrote a description of an incident at the Friday evening banquet at the close of C. A. Camp. "A special surprise was announced by the Master of Ceremonies, Joseph Prettyman of Sacramento. Brother and Sister Lockwood, our District C. A. President and his wife, were to receive a love-gift on behalf of the campers, counsellors, and staff. Sister Dorothy Merwin of Hollister presented the gifts. Everyone was amused when the first gifts presented proved to be an "Aunt Jemima" salt and pepper set and a plastic catsup dispenser. Then came the big moment. On behalf of everyone present the Lockwoods were affectionately presented with a beautiful Fostoria Crystal service for eight.

"The Lockwoods responded very humbly with a word of thanks and a statement of appreciation for the gift and for the fellowship and co-operation of all the ministers and young people. They stated that they felt that it was the co-operation of others that had made their ministry possible." Thus with mutual appreciation and goodwill the Lockwoods have retired from their post of official District leadership but we expect to continue to enjoy their good fellowship and the graciousness of their persons in our midst.



*The Lockwoods proudly display the lovely Fostoria Crystal that was presented to them as a loving tribute for their faithful ministry in the C. A. Department during the last year and one-half.*



*Walt Boring, the new C. A. President for the balance of Brother Lockwood's term of office. Since Brother Boring had been Vice President, he automatically succeeded Brother Lockwood.*

## C. A. Chit-Chat

Once again it is time to look over our district and see what our C. A.'s have been doing.

From LOYALTON pastor Bradford Wilmoth writes that these C. A.'s are a "pain in the neck" to the LASSEN PLUMAS SECTION, as they are consistently taking home the banner! J. A. Digger is the president of this group.

"Prayer and Christian Teamwork win ball games," is the report of President Ira Van Houten of Sacramento's CAPITAL ASSEMBLY. In the Sacramento church league as the season reached the half way mark the Capital team had 4 wins against no defeats. Pitcher Delmar Ralph in pitching these four games allowed but three hits! Two of the games were NO HITTERS! Team members include: A. Young, Delmar Ralph pitcher, C. Potter first base, E. Gomez second base, G. Fields third base, Ed Gomez shortstop, with J. Fields, H. Haddock, H. Gomez, and D. Rapp playing the outfield, the utility man is L. Hankin. William Hankin serves as coach and sponsor.

Before each game, as this team gathers in a circle for prayer, they realize that they are playing on a greater team with the greatest of all Captains to guide them.

Well, Christ Ambassadors, it is time to close another section. How about more of you young people sending in news, so we all can know what you are doing? Send all news to Don Sturgeon, 1443 Lincoln Way, Auburn, Calif.

## NEXT MONTH: BETHANY PARK C. A. CAMP IN PICTURES

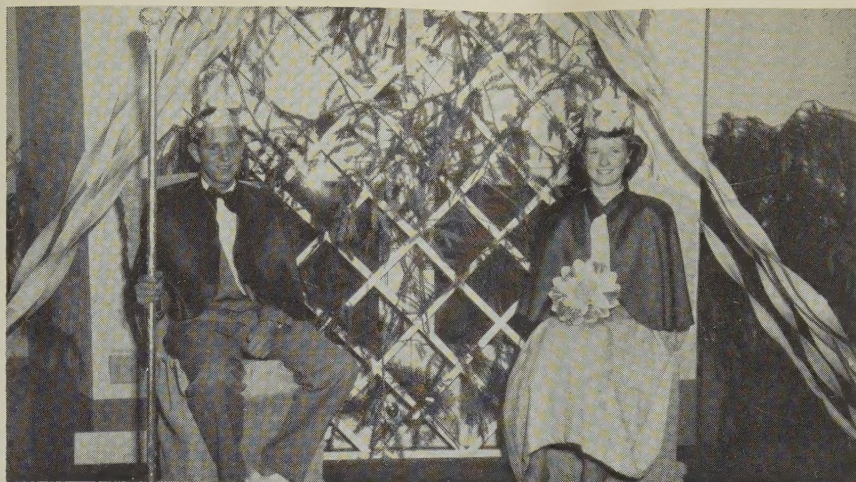


*The recent banquet and installation service of the C. A.'s of the Assembly of Monte Vista. The setting is the Shanghai Restaurant of San Jose where all who attended enjoyed a lovely Chinese dinner. The new officers are: David Baker, President; Eddie Foreman, Vice President; Imogene Foreman, Secretary; and Evelyn Shirley, Treasurer. The Pastor is Eugene Lawrence.*



**MEET THE KING AND QUEEN** — of Bethany Park C. A. Camp. These two lovely young people are Tom Walker of Redwood City and Darlene Sexauer of Atwater. They were chosen by popular ballot from a group of eight nominees, and, in addition to the distinction of being Camp King and Queen, they were each awarded a ten dollar scholarship toward next year's Youth Camp. The coronation ceremony came at the conclusion of a lovely dinner on the last evening of camp. The runners up for the regal title were Bob Jones of Woodland and Jackie Shart of Sacramento.

— Photo by Leland Good.



## Over 200 Campers at Mt. Lassen

In a beautiful setting at the edge of Lassen Volcanic National park on the Red Bluff-Susanville highway lies Mt. Lassen Camp of the Assemblies of God. Over 200 young people gathered here this year on July 12th for a week of fun and fellowship. It was a week no Youth Camper or staff member will soon forget — a week of blessing that will count for eternity.

Some of the things to be long remembered:

The inspired teachings, preaching, singing of the Evangelaires Quartette.

The Theme Chorus "I feel my need, dear Lord, of a closer walk with you."

Wonderful 'Decker-cooked' meals. "All you can eat!"

The scenic 20 mile trip to Lassen Peak — America's last volcano.

Five high-schoolers from one church gloriously saved in one service!

Those glorious scenes in the prayer room of the new tabernacle.

Over 70 saved, reclaimed, filled or refilled in the first 4 nights!

Tears of repentance in campers eyes — tears of joy in the eyes of the counsellors.

Friday — the glorious soul-searching communion service.

Snow sports in July! Plus swimming the same day!

The closing campfire-faggot service, dedication for the future!

Above all and through it all, the melting, moving presence of God.

Breaking camp, "Good bye, God bless you, see you next year!"

And two hundred youth campers can hardly wait!

### PASTORS LOOK AT RESULTS OF CAMP LASSEN:

**COVELO, CALIFORNIA** — "Several from here attended Lassen Youth camp. All were revived as never before — it has reactivated our C. A. group and the entire church has caught the revival spirit. C. A.'s still talking about the good Bible classes. Looking forward to next year — Glory!" — *Pastor Don North.*

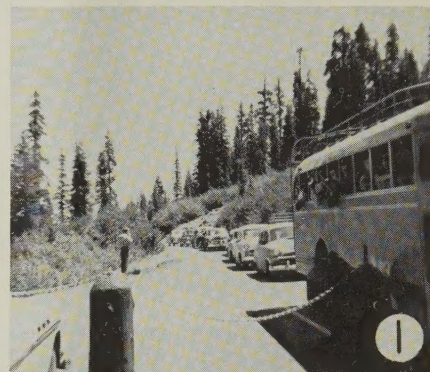
**CHICO, CALIFORNIA** — "I've never seen a greater moving of God's Spirit. Lassen Camp had a terrific Spiritual impact on our C. A. group. Hoping to send more next year." — *Pastor Ray Lockwood.*

**FALLON, NEVADA** — "A real blessing to our C. A.'s — they returned with a fresh touch of God in their lives and brought a blessing to our church which put new life in our services and created more of a hunger for God in others." — *Pastor Kathleen Carter.*

**VACAVILLE, CALIF.** — "The Lord met us in a wonderful way, hope to have more of our young people at Lassen next year." — *Pastor Leroy Shelley.*

**REDDING, CALIF.** — "I'm deeply appreciative of what the Lord has wrought in the lives of our C. A.'s who attended Lassen Camp — a gracious revitalizing effect — and I'd say its been the beginning of a spiritual move among us as a church." — *Pastor R. T. Doherty, Bethel Assembly.*

**SUSANVILLE, CALIF.** — "Our young people came home with a new testimony — a deeper consecration." — *Pastor K. R. Carney.*



**SELECTED SCENES FROM THE MT. LASSEN YOUTH CAMP.**  
(1) Part of the Camper-Caravan entering the Park. (2) Evangelist Steve Asmuth and one of the classes. (3) Up the trail to the peak. (4) The Evangelaires, who were the Camp evangelists. (5) "All you can eat!"



# SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Watch This Column

Average attendance for the month of July:

1. Sacramento, Bethel Temple .....	757
2. Hayward .....	375
3. Turlock .....	362
4. Redwood City .....	359
5. San Jose, Bethel .....	242
6. Merced .....	199
7. Roseville .....	192
8. Eureka .....	150
9. South San Francisco .....	129
10. Westwood .....	108
11. Biggs .....	102
12. Redding, First Assembly .....	72
13. Orland .....	55
14. Redding .....	35
15. Hayfork .....	28

Listed below is the school with the highest percentage of increase for the month of July over the average attendance for June for each section.

	July	Increase
South San Joaquin		
Merced	199	15.03%
East Bay Section		
South San Francisco	129	13.16%
Sacramento Valley		
Orland	55	10.00%

NOTE: Send your average attendance for the preceeding month and the month just finished to the Sunday School Department, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California, immediately following the last Sunday of each month so we can print it in this column.



**THERE WAS A RECORD ATTENDANCE** at our Junior Camps this year. A total of 313 attended the Junior Camp and 295 attended the Junior High Camp (these totals are for the boys and girls only and do not include the many workers and leaders.) There was a precious spiritual tide through the Camps, and twice during the Junior High Camp the power of God was so present the evangelist was unable to minister. In the two Camps there was a total of 65 conversions, 32 reclamations, 100 Spirit Baptisms, and 121 Spirit refillings. Already reports have come to the office of refreshing and outpourings in churches as a result of what the Lord did for the boys and girls in their Camps. Plans are now underway for next year's Camps and the leaders request prayer for the Lord's guidance. It is tentatively planned that next year there will be three camps in order to accommodate all the boys and girls who want to attend.

## OCTOBER IS ENLARGEMENT MONTH

The Theme:

**"Sunday School  
Is For You"**

Plan Now to do  
Your Part in Taking  
the Sunday School  
to the Whole Family!



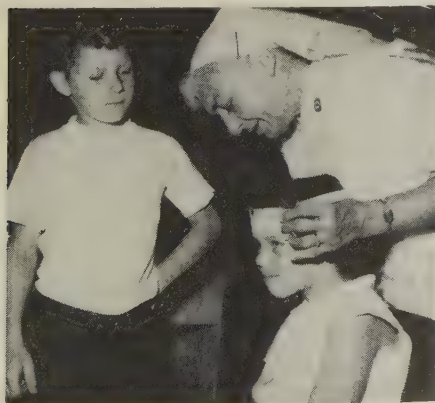
## JOHNNY SANDERSON

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saved and 34 who received the baptism. Johnny had been saved in his home church and though he tarried for the baptism, he did not receive. Nevertheless he evidenced a most gratifying sense of spiritual interest and Christian understanding. He gave us no statement of his impressions of Camp, but we are inclined to think that they are all most favorable. What red-blooded youngster wouldn't enjoy life in the outdoors with games and fun and adventure; and, at the same time, warm-hearted spiritual instruction for the satisfying of the soul!



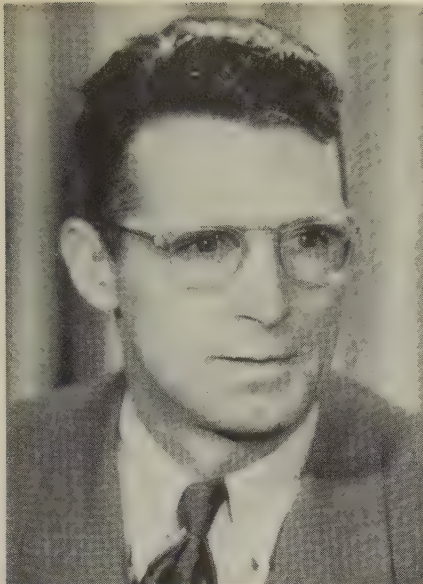
*This was not Johnny's tent but he asked to be photographed with the Honor Group pennant because his group had won it twice during the Camp. The pennant was awarded to the group having the neatest tents at morning inspection.*



*Fortunately Johnny suffered no injuries at Camp so his visit to the First Aid station was merely social. The nurse is Marguerite Morley, R. N. The little girl was at the station for treatment but the head bandage was only make-believe.*

### NEW DISTRICT PHONE NUMBER

Effective September 1, the District Office phone will be GARDen 6-0630.



**EVANGELIST FRED C. HOWE**, who is currently holding meetings in our District. For the past six years Brother Howe has pastored the Assembly at Loma Prieta, but recently he resigned in order to enter the evangelistic field. Brother Howe is open for calls and may be contacted at 4852 Los Gatos Highway, Santa Cruz California.

### VETERAN WORKERS WITH THE LORD

Ruth A. Pinson, wife of the late Evangelist M. M. Pinson, went to be with her Lord on July 19. She was the victim of cancer, though Providentially, she had been spared from suffering through the disease. Sister Pinson was formerly Ruth Hitchcock and at one time she was associated with her sisters in Gospel work. She had served both as pastor, evangelist, and Bible teacher. In the latter capacity, she ministered in the Elim Bible School of Oakland and the Berean Bible School of San Diego. Her husband predeceased her by only a year and five months.

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George W. Payne, who for some years was pastor at Delhi, passed from this life on July 21. He died of a heart condition. As a Pentecostal pioneer, Brother Payne had ministered since 1914, and had pastored in Indiana, Michigan, and Kentucky, as well as in Northern California. Two years ago Brother Payne had the dedication of his thirteenth church or parsonage building during his ministry. Among his last words he declared, "I'm so glad I have preached the Gospel." His wife, who survived him, requests our prayers.

### Fellowship Meetings

SEPTEMBER —

- 6 — Bull Creek, Waterford, Susanville.
- 13 — Martinez.
- 20 — Vallejo, First Assembly, Soledad.
- 21 — Mt. Shasta.
- 27 — Anderson, North Fork.

### Touch Not Mine Anointed

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*hath the witness in himself."* Our Lord promised that the Holy Spirit whom He would send would guide us into all truth. Thus, the Christian believer may expect that his life must be led, guided, directed, and overshadowed from above, so that there is neither place nor room for murmuring nor gossip.

### POPULAR AMUSEMENTS

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with pleasure as compared with time devoted to our duties for Christ and His cause? Usually those who insist upon pleasures are those who are doing least for Christ and His church. Life should find a balance between work and play. Pleasures, rest, and recreation are not ends; they are means unto an end. The end is that we may be better workers.

Pleasure must be in harmony with man's complete life. One part of man must not be developed at the expense of another. We behold the tragic mistake of the development of the physical to the neglect of the intellectual and spiritual. Likewise, there is danger of developing the intellectual to the expense of the physical and spiritual. A Christian's amusements must be blameless as well as ingenious, safe as well as rational, moral as well as intellectual.

Finally, here is a sevenfold test for all amusements:

1. Do they rest and strengthen or weary and weaken the body?
2. Do they rest and strengthen or weary and weaken the brain?
3. Do they make resistance to temptation easier or more difficult?
4. Do they increase or lessen love for virtue, purity, temperance, and justice?
5. Do they give inspiration and quicken enthusiasm or stupify the intellectual and harden the moral nature?
6. Do they increase or diminish respect for manhood or womanhood?
7. Do they draw one nearer to, or remove one farther from Christ?



# HERE AND THERE

**BIGGS** — Twenty-four from the Biggs Assembly attended the Mount Lassen youth camp and they have come back with a spirit of revival which has spread to the entire congregation. Vacation Bible School was conducted during July by Sisters Bernice Mast and Oletta Webb. One hundred and sixty-one were enrolled and thirty-seven sought salvation. Pastor Ray Oliver writes, "The ministries of Sister Mast and Sister Webb were appreciated by young and old alike and the church profited in all departments."

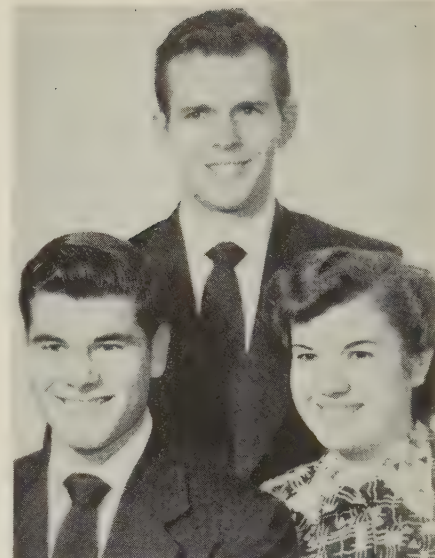
**CERES** — Pastor Earl F. Davis reports: "We have recently completed remodeling our Sunday school building and now have a new baptistry, a new prayer room, and a new C. A. chapel. These new facilities were dedicated on July 30th in a special service with Pastor Walt Boring of Sacramento ministering. The new baptistry contains a beautiful oil painting prepared by Sister Davis. The value of these improvements exceeds \$30,000, but the cash outlay was only \$14,000 and the difference was the result of the large amount of donated labor. God's blessings are now upon the church and a recent revival with Evangelist Tom Ming Jr. was the finest in our ministry here. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Also, there has been a splendid Vacation Bible School conducted by Sister Jeanette Dunn. The attendance averaged well over one hundred."

**CLOVERDALE** — Pastor J. L. Jeffrey sends word of a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by Sister

Elsie Hicky. Sister Hicky is a school teacher living in Cloverdale. The attendance of the school averaged 65, and on decision day, a great number of children lined the altar and prayed and wept their way through to salvation.

**COVELO** — Pastor Don North sends us the following report: "The Fellowship Meeting for May was held in the Assembly of God church in Covelo. We had a good day of fellowship, with Brother Gaston ministering in the afternoon and the Evangelaire in the evening. Brother Gaston dedicated our recently purchased parsonage and the new addition to our church. We also burned the mortgage on our parsonage at that service. The addition was necessary because we had outgrown our existing space. We added sixteen feet to our church and thus provided a new entrance and two Sunday school rooms with folding partitions to allow an addition to the auditorium when there are overflow crowds. Our Sunday school has nearly doubled in the last two years and we are looking to God for His continued blessings. We recently reactivated our C. A. group and we now have twenty-four C. A.'s faithfully serving the Lord and conducting regular C. A. services."

**FORT BRAGG** — Evangelists Bernice Mast and Oletta Webb conducted a vacation school for boys and girls during the first part of July. Sessions were both afternoons and evenings and there were several decisions and two received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Reverend F. T.



**THE ROPER EVANGELISTIC PARTY.** Pictured are (left to right) Al Wyrick, Ken Roper, and Melba Roper. This youthful trio has been in evangelistic work for the past six months. They have had meetings at Hawthorne and Fallon in Nevada, and in California at South San Francisco, Loma Prieta, Santa Rosa, Modesto, Riverbank, and Rodeo. In addition to an effective preaching ministry, they minister musically in solos and duets, and they conduct both youth revivals and regular evangelistic campaigns. Al and Melba are brother and sister. Ken is a graduate of Glad Tidings, class of '53.

Alford is the pastor.

**GILROY** — Pastor Elmer Stump reports, "We have recently had a very profitable two-week meeting with Brother and Sister R. J. Thurmond. A number were saved and several received the Holy Spirit. Following the meeting, eleven were baptized in water, and every department of the church was helped by the sincere and fervent ministry of Brother and Sister Thurmond."

**IRVINGTON** — Pastor Victor Johnson writes, "Evangelist and Mrs. Silas Jones of Berkeley, California, have been with us for a three-week revival meeting. We praise the Lord for a wonderful meeting during which souls were saved and the church stirred by the Spirit-anointed messages from the Word of God and the inspirational singing. The supernatural power of God was manifested and some nights there was no preaching. This is a new work and we feel that Brother Jones' ministry has been very profitable in helping lay the foundation."

**MERCED** — The Merced church, which was pictured on the cover of the August issue of *Glad Tidings*, was the scene of an inspiring dedication service on July 19. A large delegation of ministers was present with Assistant Superintendent, Kenneth Haystead, speaking in the afternoon service, and Superintendent, W. T. Gaston,



**THE THOMAS G. SUTTONS** who are the new pastors of Bethel Church of San Jose. The Suttons formerly pastored in Las Vegas, Nevada. Bethel Church is being blessed under Brother Sutton's ministry, and the Assembly is growing noticeably with encouraging crowds at each meeting. There is also a very fine spiritual atmosphere. The Sunday school average for the month of July was 242, and from all indications the August average will exceed 260.



bringing the dedicatory message in the evening. During the evening service a lovely desk and chair were presented to the pastor, Reverend J. C. Snyder, in appreciation for his faithful efforts in the building program. The ladies of the church served a fried chicken supper to over five hundred guests. The people of Merced are rejoicing in all that the Lord has done for them, and for an adequate place in which to worship.

**OAKLAND (Calvary Temple)** — Recent guest speakers in this assembly have been Reverend V. Ernest Shores and Reverend Lillian Rahner. The pastor is Oliver L. Foth. On August 22 the assembly welcomed Brother Gerald Boyd as its new assistant pastor.

**OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle)**—This church has announced a Prophetic Bible Conference, September 26 to 30. There will be three services daily, with eleven ministers participating. Meals will be on a freewill offering basis and dormitories will be provided for those who desire to bring their cots and bedding.

**SALIDA** — Evangelist John McPherson of Richmond recently conducted a revival in this assembly. Pastor Dan N. Robinson reports, "God certainly moved in every service. We praise God for bringing in those families who found Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Brother McPherson particularly appealed to children, and through what he called "an Indian pow-wow" he was able to attract a large number that had never before attended. Both children and adults were greatly profited and blessed from these meetings.

**SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)** — The assembly has been revived and blessed through an evangelistic effort with the musical ministry of Norman Nelson and John and Mary Webb. The pastor, Brother Nelson Hinman, brought the messages from the Word during these meetings. Brother Hinman is currently broadcasting weekdays, Monday through Friday, at 6:00 a. m. over San Francisco station KGO.

**SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple)** — Recent visitors in this assembly were Wendell St. Clair and his Christian Choristers. They participated in both the C. A. and Sunday evening services. After a temporary recess, the assembly is once again progressing with their building program and they hope to have at least the roof completed before the fall rains.

## U. S. Atom Bombers Fly Everywhere

General Curtis E. LeMay says United States atomic bombers can fly to any spot in the world in any kind of weather against any air defenses and destroy any targets assigned to them.

## WEDDING BELLS

On July 10, in the Assembly at Central Valley, Maureen, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Maurice V. Contreras, was united in marriage to Mr. Bill Watson.

# PROGRESS IN THE GALT ASSEMBLY



Above is pictured Harold Burger, who for the past year and one-half, together with his wife, has pastored Bethel Temple of Galt, California. Brother Burger reports real victory and the continued blessing of God.

The Sunday school has risen from an average of 70 to near 120, and on one occasion it reached 179. A radio

program (KCVR, Lodi, 1570 kc., Saturday, 9:45 a. m.) has been responsible for reaching whole families that have come in and been saved and taken their place in the Assembly.

There has been a stress on prayer with meetings three times weekly. The entire congregation continues to press on in spiritual growth, and the people are accustomed to gather about the altars for prayer in every service. At the same time, new converts are coming in, and in two baptismal services, a total of fifteen have obeyed the Lord.

A new room has been added to the parsonage, the C. A. Chapel remodeled, and several improvements made in facilities and accommodations in general. These improvements amount to an increase of \$2,660 in real assets.

Brother and Sister Burger are indeed grateful to God for His blessings upon their ministry at Galt, and they are pressing on for greater victories ahead.

## Personal Mention

Evangelist WM. F. KIRKPATRICK has returned from a 7,000 mile evangelistic tour that took him through the State of Illinois. Now that he is back in Modesto, Brother Kirkpatrick is once more available for either evangelistic or Bible teaching meetings.

Evangelist and Mrs. T. F. SANDRY are now back in the United States after seven months of revival meetings in Britain. They expect to be in this District in early October and they will thereafter be available for meetings.

RICHARD J. JEFFERS is now pastor of the Winters Assembly of God and his address is Box 278, Winters.

The A. J. LEBECKS have just returned from a 9,000 mile trip that took them over thirty states and two Canadian provinces. Brother Lebeck was sent as a delegate to the Gideon's International Convention in Boston, and he also attended the Canadian Convention in Windsor, Canada, and the Youth for Christ Convention in Winona. In eastern Canada the Lebecks enjoyed an interesting visit with EMIL LASAGUES and they saw his beautiful new church for the French speaking people.

During July Brother E. E. KENNEDY of San Carlos, Arizona, participated in a camp meeting with the Apache Indians and he reports a most blessed time of spiritual refreshing.

Army Chaplain DUDLEY BOYD is now stationed in Munich, Germany, with the American armed forces there.

Evangelist CARL W. ONEY reports blessed meetings in the midwest, but that he plans to return to northern California after the first of the year.

Children's evangelist CHARLES SENECHAL writes of a splendid boys and girls camp meeting in Michigan where he now is ministering.

## NEW ARRIVALS

On Monday, July 26, David Bradley arrived at the home of the Henry Ladds of Rodeo. David weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces. Mrs. Ladd is the former Sally Bradley, G. T. B. I. class of '47. Since graduation, Sister Ladd has been active in evangelistic work, and for a time she pastored in the Arkansas District.

On August 3, at 6:50 p. m., Bob and Margaret Thomas welcomed a new daughter, Brenda Lynn. Brenda weighed eight pounds. Brother Thomas is now associate pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle of Fresno.



# GOD'S BEAUTIFUL PARADISE



God's Holy Spirit from above,  
Is represented by a DOVE.  
So when this earth in chaos lay  
Without form and void alway.

Dense darkness covered all the face  
Of that great mass that hung in space;  
God's Holy Spirit brooded o'er  
The waters then from shore to shore.

How strange a background such as this,  
The seething waters and wild abyss;  
God's Spirit as a mother dove  
While brooding o'er in tender love,

Began at once to build her nest,  
That gentle Spirit could not rest,  
Until, from ruins, 'neath dark skies,  
Evolves a smiling PARADISE.

This Eden home was made for man,  
But Satan came and spoiled God's plan;  
Wrought wreck and ruin everywhere,  
And sank this world in deep despair.

God's Spirit as a Dove once more,  
Broods o'er this world just as before,  
And from the ruins soon shall rise,  
Another blessed PARADISE.

Where JESUS reigns, the Prince of Peace,  
Then wars and wickedness shall cease.  
This world will be a grand estate,  
For Love shall take the place of hate.

With Satan bound a thousand years,  
There'll be no sorrow, no more tears;  
We'll reign with Christ 'neath starry skies,  
In this, our earthly PARADISE.

There's still another blessed home,  
From which God's saints will never roam;  
The apostle Paul was caught away,  
To the third heav'n, the Scriptures say.

The things he heard were so sublime,  
No man could utter at any time,  
Prepared for saints in yonder skies,  
Is our eternal PARADISE.

— LILLIE BUFFUM.

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## Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



R. L. NEAL

This month our Presbyterian spotlight takes us to the most northerly section of our District. There, we find our Presbyterian to be Brother R. L. Neal, who is the Pastor at Eureka and Presbyterian of the Redwood Section. Brother Neal has held the office of Presbyterian in his Section since January, 1951.

Converted as a young man, Brother Neal began his ministry in the Rocky Mountain District of the Assemblies of God. His first ministerial duties were chiefly as an assistant pastor who was responsible for a building program. However, before long he launched out on his own, and before coming to California, he pas-

tored the Assemblies at Craig and Center in Colorado.

In 1943, Brother Neal was united in marriage to Helen Clapper, who, in partnership with her brother, was a successful evangelist and church pioneer in the Rocky Mountain District. It is interesting to note that the Clappers' home town was Craig — the place of Brother Neal's first pastorate.

It will soon be some nine years ago that Brother Neal transferred to Northern California. In that time he has pastored the Assemblies at Westwood and Rohnerville in this District, in addition to his Eureka pastorate. He has ministered in Eureka for the past three years.

In his ministerial experience, Brother Neal has been eminently successful as a builder of churches. Since he entered the full time ministry he has engaged in an enlargement or building program in every pastorate which he has supplied. As presbyter of the Redwood Section, he has worked hard and long in planning and building the Redwood Sectional Camp. Here is a man of God of whom it may be said that by the work of his hands he upbuilds the Kingdom of God. But even more significantly, we may say that by his dedicated, Godly life and ministry, he likewise builds and shapes splendid spiritual edifices that shall endure for eternity.



# WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

## It's The Missionaries Christmas by GOLDIA ANDERSON

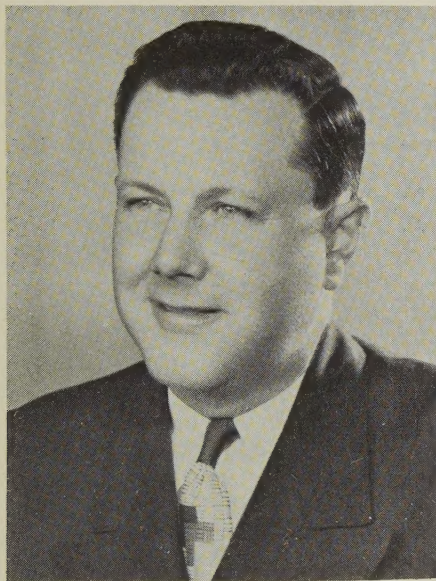
Remember your missionaries with a happy Christmas. Make your plans now. A letter from Africa some months ago told of the joy in their village at Christmas because someone here at home "adopted" them. The letter read, "Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas box. Everything arrived before Christmas, so the children had the fun of expectancy that they enjoy so much. I appreciated the useful things I received and to my joy found the things I suggested were included."

We were able to give the natives small gifts this year and it almost made me cry when I saw the expression on their faces as they looked at the things they received. Can you

imagine anyone putting a value on a small wax paper sandwich bag? One of the girls had found one that I had thrown away, she took it and put her Sunday lesson papers in it to keep them. Sometimes it seems we are accomplishing so little, but every once in a while the Lord lets us have a glimpse of what He is doing and our hearts almost burst with happiness. It really pays to answer the Call of God and bring the Gospel to these poor benighted people."

October is the deadline for mailing boxes to certain countries if they are to receive them by Christmas. Your post office can give you the information needed. Let's have every missionary group "adopt" a missionary this Christmas.

## MISSIONARIES EXPRESS THANKS



**HAROLD LEHMANN**, recently returned missionary from the Gold Coast West Africa. The Lehmann's home address is: 716 East Eighth Street, Davis, California.

Davis, California.

Dear WMC Workers:

This note is of necessity very short, but we wish to use this means to thank those of you whose gifts have come to our hands even though we do not know your names. These wonderful towel sets, pillow slips, sheets,

dish towels, and pot holders are such a help to us just now as we set up housekeeping for a few months again.

As the Africans say their thank you: "May God receive our prayers for you!"

Faithfully,  
Hal, Naomi, David, Gretchen,  
The African Lehmanns.

*The John Franklins and their three younger children.*



**THE JOHN FRANKLINS WRITE:** "It is with sincere appreciation that we wish to thank you one and all for your kindness in bringing so many lovely articles to the WMC display room at District Camp. As we missionaries left with our boxes, our hearts were lifted up in prayer for those who had shared in making the missionary's burden just a little lighter. We believe that as you WMC ladies make these needed articles, and as you give, so also you will pray. God bless you, we covet your prayers and thank you for your kind gifts."



**SISTER CARL STURGEON**, District Supervisor of the WMC canning project, surveys the poster telling of the Hot Springs Children's Home. There, they have 73 children to feed. The needs of the Home could be an overwhelming problem, but we believe it is to be simplified because of the help of the WMC of Northern California. Many of our ladies are setting aside a tithe of everything they can, while others are raising funds to purchase cases of canned goods. In October, a large truck will tour the District and in each Section pick up the donations of canned fruit and vegetables. Before long our groups will be notified of the location in each Section where the truck will call. The co-operation of every group is earnestly invited in order that these hungry mouths may be fed.



# CURRENT SIGNS

## Call for Parents, Cities to Fight Delinquency

Paul R. Leake of Woodland, California (Yolo County, third District member of the State Board of Equalization,) called upon parents and communities to help combat juvenile delinquency.

Leake said citizens should "lay aside their rose colored glasses and consider a few statistics," which he outlined as:

1. One out of every 43 children has been or is involved in juvenile crime. Each year more than 1,000,000 children get into trouble with the police.

2. More than 83 per cent of the arrests in California during 1953 for violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act involved minors.

3. During the last 25 years the population of federal and state penitentiaries has increased nearly four times as fast as the nation's population, or 126 per cent. Most new inmates have just left their teens.

4. Juvenile delinquency has increased throughout the United States about 30 per cent since 1948 and now is speeding toward an all time high.

5. The nation's annual crime bill is estimated at \$15,000,000,000.

## Unwed Mothers

The number of illegitimate live births increased from 88,000 in 1938 to 142,000 in 1950. Nearly half these mothers in 1950 were under 20 and 32,000 were girls under 17. A much higher percentage of unmarried mothers nowadays comes from comparatively privileged groups: high school students, college students, or young women with good jobs. This situation contrasts with that at the beginning of the century when most unmarried mothers were "poor working girls" or "penniless domestics."

## Other Planets Could Support Life

According to Dr. Harlow Shapley, a famous Harvard astronomer, there are in our universe 100 million planets capable of supporting life. In his new book *Climatic Change* Dr. Shapley says that these millions of planets "indicate that the life phenomenon is widespread and of cosmic significance. We are not alone. And we should admit, of course, other organism on other happier planets may have far surpassed the terrestrial form."

## Ship Passengers to Get Regular Church Services

Officials of nine steamship companies serving the port of New York are participating in a plan which will enable Protestant ship passengers to worship at sea as they would at home. Up to the present, such services have been conducted on a voluntary, spontaneous basis.

Ralph Walker, pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, is chairman of the new Passenger Ships Chaplaincy Service sponsored by the National Council of Churches' Department of Evangelism. Mr. Walker expects this new service to be extended to major lines operating in the Pacific.

Steamship lines co-operating in the new program include: U. S. Cunard; French; Swedish-American; American Export; Holland-American; Norwegian-American and Home lines; Greek lines and Italian lines.

## Six Million Cars

In 1953 the number of automobiles in California passed the six million mark to a total of 4,003,952.

## Bible Now Made Available In 1,077 Languages

The American Bible Society reports that some part of the Bible has now been published in 1,077 languages and dialects. Thus, the entire Bible has been published in 200 languages, the complete New Testament in 257 others, at least one Gospel or other whole book in 620.

During the past year, the whole Bible was published for the first time in Luo and Nupe, languages of Africa, and in Karo Batak, spoken in Sumatra. Complete New Testaments were published for the first time in Roviana, spoken in the Solomon Islands; Meru, spoken in Kenya, East Africa, and Simalungun Batak, spoken in Sumatra.

The ABS added five new languages to the list in which it has published the Scriptures, three of which are spoken in Africa: Bano'o in the Cameroons; Gbeapo and Tchien, both spoken in Liberia, and two Mexican dialects, Mazahua and Tlapaneco. There are some 90 languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared. There are at least another 1,000 languages waiting for translations.

## Northern California-Nevada District Regional Sunday School Conventions



- VISUAL DEMONSTRATIONS
- INSPIRING MESSAGES
- PANEL DISCUSSION ● WORKSHOP

AN OUTSTANDING CONVENTION TEAM:

J. Raymond Ton, Main Speaker  
Lionel W. Suter  
Mrs. L. W. Suter  
Joseph L. Gerhart  
William O. Vickery

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 20-21  
(Sept. 20, Eve.; 21, Morn., Aft., Eve.)

HAYWARD, Sept. 22-23  
(Sept. 22, Eve.; 23, Morn., Aft., Eve.)

EUREKA, Sept. 24-25  
(Sept. 24, Eve.; 25, Morn., Aft.)

REDDING, Sept. 27-28  
Assembly (Sept. 27, Eve.; 28, Morn., Aft., Eve.)

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 29-30  
Bethany (Sept. 29, Eve.; 30, Morn., Aft., Eve.)

MERCED, Oct. 1-2  
(Oct. 1, Eve.; 2, Morn., Aft., Eve.)

Schedule of Services: 10 a. m., 2 p. m., 7:30 p. m. — Special Vesper Service, 7 p. m.